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Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method for installing a plurality of wick structures in a heat pipe, classified in class 29, subclass 890.032.
 - II. Claims 8-13, drawn to an apparatus for installing a plurality of wick structures in a heat pipe, classified in class 29, subclass 819.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions of Group I and Group II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the apparatus as claimed in Group II can be used to practice another and materially different process such as installing a plurality of wick structures in a heat pipe that does not require the step of drawing the rod to carry the coil tape and reducing an external diameter of the heat pipe with a tube drawing process.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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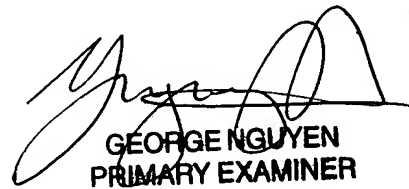
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